

REMARKS

In order to formerly obtain "the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 or 119(a)-(d)" as the Office communication of January 9, 2007 requires (page 6 of the action), Applicants submit certified English translations of the PCT Application No. PCT/JP02/04816, filed May 17, 2002 as well as Japanese priority documents JP 2001-150213, filed May 18, 2001, JP 2001-243040, filed August 9, 2001 and JP 2001-314489, filed October 11, 2001.

CONCLUSION

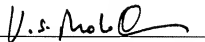
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